GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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TOURISM POLICY OF KARNATAKA
A. VENKATESH NAIK

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has prepared any new Tourism Policy to develop tourist spots and to attract more foreign tourist in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have accorded approval to the said policy;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to provide any financial assistance to the State Government to make the new policy effective; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The State Government has informed that a number of incentives and tax concessions are offered in the New Tourism Policy of the State. Besides, the concessions available under the Industrial Policy (2002-07) of the State are also available for private investment in the tourism sector.

(c), (d) and (e): The State Government has not sought any approval of the Policy from the Union Government. The Central Government during the year 2002-03, has sanctioned Rs.782.49 lakhs for development of Hampi, Kokkare Bellur, KonkanRiviera circuit and Beugle Rock Garden at Basavanagudi.